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RECYCLING ROUTE THIS WEEK

What's News

■ It's census time. Included this year with the census mailing is a report from the Vision 2020 task force, along with a response form. The form is intended to give town residents a chance to help shape a vision of the future. Vision 2020 volunteers call your attention, however, to an error in the survey's preparation: The postal permit number is not correct. Therefore, a 29-cent stamp will be required on the envelope to insure its proper delivery. If any resident doesn't receive a census form and survey, inquiries can be made at the town clerk's office.

MORE NEWS

■ Those who wish to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. on Jan. 18 are invited to a potluck dinner at the First Baptist Church in Arlington center. Story, page 5. For an editorial on King's legacy, see page 8.

NO MAIL

■ All post offices will be closed and there will be no regular mail delivery on Monday, Jan. 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.

In keeping with postal policy, special delivery and express mail will be delivered on the holiday. Collections will be made at 1 p.m. to target businesses open on the holiday in addition to a regular 5 p.m. collection.

Customers are reminded that 24-hour service, seven days a week is available at the Self-Service Postal Center located in the lobby of the Boston General Mail Facility, 25 Dorchester Ave., Boston.

For postal information during non-business hours, customers may call the Postal Answer line at 451-9922.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

■ For a listing of who is buying and sell in what properties in and around Arlington, please see the Business Page, 11A

In Sports



■ Stephanie Coughlin of Arlington Catholic goes up for a rebound during a game against Cardinal Spellman. Please turn to page 1B, 2B, 3B, and 5B for more sports. (Advocate photo by Dennis Stein.)

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Community Newspapers



Advocate photo by Dave Denison
Arlington residents Bea Lawrence and Peg Raschelle, who are sisters, were among the first in town to buy Elvis Presley postage stamps last Friday.

Elvis rocks P.O. — sort of

By Dave Denison
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER

Arlington's main post office showed only a mild case of the "Elvisteria" that rocked the nation's post offices last week.

The downtown P.O. was a calm and businesslike place as the Elvis stamp went on sale at noon Friday.

About a dozen patrons were on

hand as the stamp first became available. "Where's the fire-works?" asked one woman while she waited in the decorous queue. "They should've had an Elvis record on in here," commented another.

The first buyer in town was Terry Petringa, an Arlington worker who insisted she was a casual fan who just happened to be in the front of the line. Though

she said she is hardly "obsessed" with Elvis, she explained, "I grew up in the '50s. I love his music."

Petringa bought 15 Elvis stamps, which she intends to hang onto as "something to pass on" with the family heirlooms.

Others bought up the stamps in sheets of 40 each, at \$11.60 a

ELVIS, See page 14A

Crime rate drops in Arlington

By E.H. Stockstill
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER

Fewer crimes were committed in Arlington in 1992 than in the previous year, according to a recently released police report.

However, slightly more motor vehicle accidents occurred in town during the same time period, statistics in the report show.

The decrease in the crime rate follows a 14 percent increase that hit the town last year and, law enforcement officials said, indicates more vigilant crime enforcement tech-

niques and practices by town police. According to the records, Arlington's crime rate dropped by 17 percent during 1992, with significant drops in both the number of burglaries and larcenies, as well as decreases in other areas.

The total of crimes tallied for 1992 was 812, compared to 977 in 1991. In 1990, 858 crimes were reported to Arlington police.

While last year's numbers still remain higher than three years ago, Police Director John Carroll said the 1992 decrease represents a concerted effort on the part of the law

enforcement community in town to quell crime in the area.

"We've spent a lot of time this year on house burglaries" particularly, Carroll said, remarking that police have worked more vigorously to pursue leads on such crimes.

"I think we're building a reputation as a department that will aggressively go seek fingerprints in all burglaries," he said.

The number of burglaries dropped from 249 in 1991 to 175 in 1992. Larcenies in Arlington also decreased

CRIME, See page 14A

Town shifts funds to pay \$839,000 to trash company

By Dave Denison
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER

Faced with the need to come up with \$839,000 — and the sooner the better — the town borrowed funds this week from the sanitation budget so it could pay what it owes to Massachusetts Refusetech, Inc. (MRI), the incineration company that handles Arlington's trash.

Town manager Don Marquis wrote a check payable to MRI on Tuesday, one day after the Board of Selectmen approved his proposal that the town be allowed to shift \$839,349 from available sanitation funds on the promise that the town will obtain bond money in coming months to replenish the fund.

Due to an arbitration award last November that granted MRI \$18 million in fees from the 22 communities that make up the North East Solid Waste Committee (NESWC), towns in the region are scrambling to come up

with new money.

The current balance of the arbitration award — \$7 million — came due on January 1 and was to start accruing interest at a 12 percent rate on that day. Marquis said that the town would have to pay \$275 a day in interest on its \$839,349 share of the settlement if quick action were not taken.

Officials had hoped to get a bill passed in the legislature last month that would authorize the towns to borrow money on the bond market. But the session ended with the bill stuck in the mud.

Marquis charged Monday that officials from Winchester were responsible for the death of the bill. "It's Winchester's fault that we cannot borrow right now," he told the Advocate.

Sen. Charles Shannon, who represents Winchester, held up the bill because Winchester officials were

NESWC, See page 14A

School department may get level budget

By E.H. Stockstill
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER

School Committee members voted Tuesday to accept a level-funded budget from the Finance Committee this year.

But committee members also said Arlington's schools need more money — as much as \$1.5 million more — to provide basic educational services to students.

"Crystal balls aside, we can't look into the future and see what we're going to get and what we're not going to get," said committee member Michael Healy, who voted in favor of the motion made by fellow member Douglas Delaney. That motion replaced Superintendent Walter Devine's motion for a \$21.5 million budget recommendation.

"I don't see how we're going to make up the difference," Healy said about Devine's motion. "I think we're being overly optimistic."

Committee members Patricia Worden, William Carey, David McKenna and Carolyn Simmons voted against Delaney's motion.

The committee approved by a 5-4 vote a motion "To accept the Finance Committee funding recommendation with the understanding that we feel we need a budget of \$21,509,901 to maintain the current level of services. Any additional revenues that come into the town will be distributed by the formula unless they are specifically earmarked for education."

According to Devine, FinCom Chairman Alan Tosti said he had no problems with the superintendent's original motion, and Devine said he was only recommending funds to cover necessary costs. He also emphasized that he would not ask for any more money than was available to the schools, even if that meant funding the budget at last year's level.

"As an educator, I feel I must tell the town what I think we need to maintain current services," he said. "At this point, I think it is early for me to say that I will recommend a level-funded budget, although I'm saying that if a level-funded budget is the best I can do, that's what I'll

recommend."

"You can only get a gallon out of a gallon," Devine said.

According to Devine, increased enrollment and greater demand for services, along with contractual obligations to school employees, have necessitated a budget hike of 7.46 percent, or \$1,492,481 over last year's budget.

Devine said the uncertain results of a system-wide audit by Ernst and Young and an infrastructure study by

SCHOOLS, See page 10A

Town to pay more to fund Minuteman?

By E.H. Stockstill
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER

A 4.78 percent increase in the budget for Minuteman Tech would mean a hike of almost \$124,000 in the town's assessment for the regional vocational high school.

A preliminary budget of \$10.54 million for the school, recommended by Superintendent Ronald Fitzgerald, calls for an overall increase of the assessments for the 16 towns Minuteman serves. The budget proposal also yields an increased assessment for Arlington, despite a drop of the equivalent of 20 full-time students this year from the previous year.

Arlington, with an assessment this year of \$2.14 million, currently has the equivalent of 188 full-time students at Minuteman, with Lexington registering the second highest with an equivalent of 57 full-time students.

If the budget were approved the town would have to pay close to \$2.3 million in assessments.

"Put simply, our students and taxpayers are getting a high return on their investment at a time when that return is more important than ever to

TECH, See page 10A

Debate continues on town's role in Nativity scene

By Dave Denison
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER

The downtown Nativity scene is now just a memory of Christmas past, but debate continued this week over the town's role in allowing religious displays on public property.

With the manger scene and other holiday decorations put away for the season, town counsel John Maher told the Board of Selectmen Tuesday that he would "strongly recommend against" reinstalling the creche on town land next year.

"I know this has engendered strong feelings," Maher said. "I think since I've been here, starting in 1974, I've never had so

many calls from the general populace" on one issue.

Maher said that after reviewing recent Supreme Court cases on church-state separation he became convinced Arlington's display was a violation of the Constitution's prohibition against governmental preference of religion.

The test given by a 1989 Supreme Court case, Maher said, is whether a town's holiday display appears to sanction a religious message. "If the overwhelming impression is of a religious display, it's illegal," Maher said.

Referring to Arlington's Nativity scene, Maher said, "I don't know how you could stand in

front of that creche and not think it is religious."

In a written statement given to Selectmen, Maher said the future installment of the traditional creche "without any substantive changes" would make the Town vulnerable to a lawsuit. "In my view, the Town would not be successful in defending this litigation," he said.

Selectmen took Maher's statements under advisement and voted to set up a five-member committee to consider how to handle the issue in the future. Each Selectmen will appoint one member to work with Maher and town manager Don Marquis on the question.

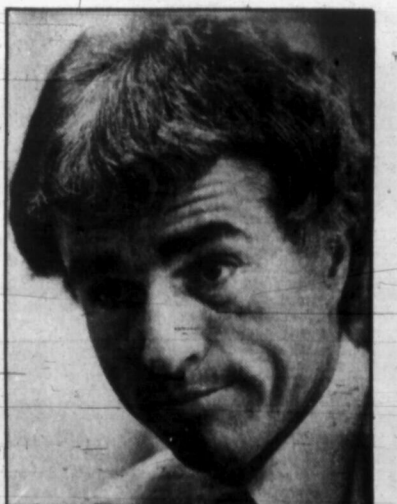
Selectmen discussed ways of

avoiding a renewed creche controversy. Franklin Hurd, Jr. suggested officials should review the use of the Jefferson Cutter land and consider dedicating it as a "Freedom Park."

Citing Norman Rockwell's painting "The Four Freedoms," Hurd said the area should emphasize not just religious freedom but the gamut of freedoms Americans enjoy.

Selectman Charles Lyons proposed use of the area "to encourage different groups to celebrate religious diversity throughout the year."

But Town Manager Marquis urged Selectmen to consider recent events in Cincinnati, CRECHE, See page 14A



Advocate file photo
Town counsel John Maher

POLICE LOG



ARRESTS

■ A 38-year-old Thorndike Street man was arrested Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 9:05 p.m. and charged with assault by means of dangerous weapon, police said. According to police, the man was arrested after he allegedly threatened his wife with a fountain pen.

■ A 41-year-old Tewksbury man was arrested Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 12 p.m. and charged with failure to appear in court, according to police. Police said the arrest stemmed from earlier motor vehicle violations.

■ A Grafton Street man was arrested Friday, Jan. 8 and charged with driving a motor vehicle after license revocation and for speeding, police said. The man was arrested and charged along Broadway near the Somerville line, police said.

■ A 45-year-old Lexington woman was arrested on Friday, Jan. 8 at 9:56 p.m. and charged with operating an motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, police said. Sherry Ricci was arrested in Arlington along Mass. Avenue after hitting an unoccupied, parked car belonging to a Barnstable man, according to police. Ricci was also charged with driving a motor vehicle to endanger others, running a red light, refusing to stop for a police officer and leaving the scene of an accident, according to police.

VANDALISM

■ On Monday, Jan. 4, at 7:09 a.m., a commercial property at 30 Water Street was reported vandalized.

■ Reported vandalized was a motor vehicle parked at a Park Terrace address Jan. 4 at 11:30 a.m.

■ On Friday, Jan. 8, an Exeter Street residence was reported vandalized at 8:28 a.m.

■ At 12:13 p.m. on Jan. 8, a motor vehicle parked at a Watermill Place address was reported vandalized.

LIBRARY NEWS

Storyteller at Hardy School

On Saturday, Jan. 30, at 10:30 a.m. at the Hardy School Gym, Ramona Bass, an exciting New England storyteller will tell stories from the black tradition. Children in kindergarten and up are invited to come

■ A motor vehicle at the town's municipal lot was reported vandalized on Jan. 8 at 8:39 p.m.

■ On Saturday, Jan. 9 at 9:55 a.m., a motor vehicle at a Patrick Street address was reported vandalized.

■ Reported vandalized on Sunday, Jan. 10 at 10:36 p.m. was a motor vehicle parked at a Mass. Avenue address.

LARCENIES AND BREAK-INS

■ On Monday, Jan. 4 at 8:09 p.m., a residential breaking and entering at a Mass. Avenue address was reported.

■ At 8:13 a.m. on Jan. 4, a Chester Street residence was reported broken into and entered.

■ On Wednesday, Jan. 6, an alleged larceny at a Mass. Avenue address was reported at 6:25 p.m.

■ On Thursday, Jan. 7 at 3:37 p.m., an Arizona Terrace residence was reported broken into and entered.

■ At 1 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 8, \$600 in cash and checks was reported stolen from an office at the Fidelity House on Medford Street. In addition, \$60 was reported stolen from two vending machines. According to police, there was no sign of forced entry.

■ At 8:15 a.m. on Jan. 8, an alleged larceny at a Mass. Avenue address was reported.

■ At 9:30 a.m., an alleged larceny at an Epping Street address was reported on Jan. 8.

■ A motor vehicular breaking and entering was reported at a Mystic Street on Jan. 8 at 3 p.m.

■ A radar detector valued at \$75, a sports bag with \$150 in cash and some Russian civil defense training equipment were stolen from a Subaru parked at a Mystic Street address on Jan. 8 at 3:50 p.m., police said.

■ A 1988 Delta Oldsmobile valued at \$4000 was reported stolen from the town's municipal parking lot in Arlington Center at 7:35 p.m. on Jan. 8.

■ On Saturday, Jan. 9 at 10:07 a.m., a Mill Street residence was reported broken into and entered.

■ A breaking and entering of a motor vehicle parked at a Fayette Street address was reported Jan. at 10:16 a.m.

and share in the fun as we begin to celebrate Black History month.

Local author will discuss book

Local author Pamela Powell will visit the Fox Branch Library on Saturday, Jan. 23, at 2:30 p.m. She will talk about her new book "The Turtle Watchers." The program will include a brief slide show and readings from the book. Children age 6 and up are invited to attend. Tickets can be picked up at the circulation desk upon arrival.

MISCELLANEOUS

■ On Monday, Jan. 4 at 5:47, a warrant was served to someone at a Teel Street address.

■ An accident at the corner of Broadway and North Union Street was reported Jan. 4 at 8:26 a.m. Injuries were reported.

■ A domestic disturbance at an Albermarle Street address was reported on 4:58 p.m. on Jan. 4.

■ An accident at the corner of Lake Street and Alfred Road was reported Jan. 4 at 5:43 p.m. No injuries were reported.

■ At 6:53 p.m. on Jan. 4, a summons was served to someone at an Oak Ledge address.

■ Domestic disturbances were reported at the following addresses: a Mystic Street address at 7:47 p.m.; and a Mass. Avenue address 7:47 p.m.

■ An assault and battery at a Broadway address was reported to police Jan. 4 at 7:54 p.m.

■ On Tuesday, Jan. 5, accidents at the following locations were reported: at the corner of Park and Florence avenues at 8:36 a.m.; a Mass. Avenue address at 9:45 a.m.; and a Winchester Road address at 1:51 a.m. No injuries were reported in any of the accidents.

■ At 10:08 a.m. on Jan. 5, a family disturbance at a Parker Street address was reported.

■ Two summons were served on

■ At 9:15 p.m. on Jan. 6, a fight at a Fremont Court address was reported to police.

■ On Thursday, Jan. 7, two accidents were reported to police: one a Newport Street address at 8:42 a.m.; and one at a Central Street address at 3:52 p.m.

■ On Friday, Jan. 8, an accident at the corner of Highland and Spring avenues was reported at 12:04 a.m.

■ A fight at a Fremont Court address was reported to police on Jan. 8 at 12:36 a.m.

■ Youths were reported gathering at the following locations on Jan. 8: a Pond Lane address at 12:37 a.m.; the corner of Mass. Avenue and Forest Street at 3:13 p.m.; the former Gibbs Junior High School at 5:49 p.m.; a Mass. Avenue address at 9:43 p.m.; and a Mass. Avenue address at 11:22 p.m.

■ A domestic disturbance at a Hutchison Road address was reported to police on Jan. 8 at 12:15 p.m.

■ The following accidents were reported to police on Jan. 8: the corner of Mass. Avenue and Lockeland Avenue at 3:13 p.m.; a Summer Street address at 7:13 p.m.; a Concord Turnpike address at 9:53 p.m.; and a Columbia Road address 10:23 p.m.

■ A summons was served to someone at a Winslow Street address on Jan. 8 at 8:04 p.m.

■ Police received a report from a 17-year-old Billerica resident who

Car rolls; woman arrested

A 40-year-old Malden woman was arrested the night of Tuesday, Jan. 5 at the corner of Mystic and Summer streets after losing control of her car stationed at the Gulf station on that corner, police said.

Patricia Magee was arrested after police discovered that three separate warrants for her arrest had been issued.

According to police, the following warrants had been issued for her arrest: one from Malden for shoplifting; another for heroin possession from Medford; and a third from Med-

ford for shoplifting.

According to witnesses at the scene of the incident, the woman was behaving strangely at the time of the arrest. Police said the woman had assorted tattoos covering parts of her body.

Witnesses said the door of the car came loose after the vehicle, a Volkswagen Rabbit, rolled down the hill while in neutral and nearly crashed into other cars in the area.

No injuries were reported, but police said Magee's hands were scraped at the time of the accident.

Jan. 5: one at a Waldo Road address at 5:09 p.m.; another at a Lowell Street address at 6:44 p.m.

■ A domestic disturbance at a Thorndike Street address was reported to police on Jan. 5 at 5:40 p.m.

■ On Wednesday, Jan. 6, police conducted an investigation at a Crawford Street address at 12:14 a.m.

■ Two warrants were served on Jan. 6: one at a Washington Street address at 5:45 p.m.; and another at the Middlesex County Jail at 10:10 p.m.

■ A domestic disturbance at a Wyman Terrace address was reported to police at 8:59 p.m. on Jan. 6.

said that he was threatened at gunpoint at the Mass. Avenue Stop and Shop in Arlington. According to police, the resident was approached by three individuals in a red Chevrolet, who pointed the gun and asked: "Do you want some of this?"

Police are investigating the incident.

■ On Saturday, Jan. 9, a family disturbance at a Mott Street address was reported at 1:12 p.m.

■ On Sunday, Jan. 10, youths were reported gathering at a CVS in Arlington at 4:25 p.m.

■ Police responded to two reports of domestic disturbances Jan. 10: one at a Golden Avenue address at 8:24 p.m.; another at a Mass. Avenue address at 8:30 p.m.

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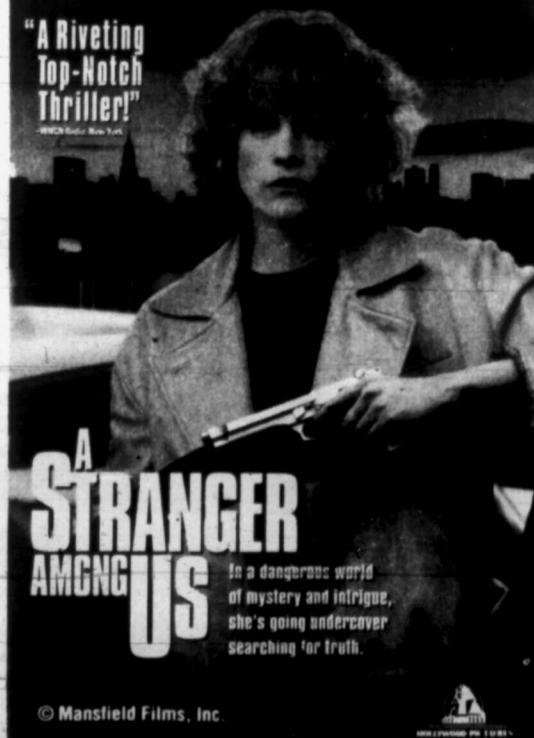
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Meetings

Thursday, Jan. 21:

The Arlington Committee on Disability will meet at 4 p.m. in the first floor meeting room of town hall.

Monday, Jan. 25:

The Board of Selectmen will meet at 7:15 p.m. in their second floor hearing room in town hall.

The Finance Committee will meet Monday, Jan. 25 and Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m., and subsequent Mondays and Wednesdays in February at the same time, in the hearing room at the Community Safety Building. Only one meeting, the Feb. 10 meeting, will be held at town hall.

Tuesday, Jan. 26:

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor hearing room in the town hall.

CABLE TV



Thursday, Jan. 14:

6 a.m. Continental Aerobics
9 a.m. Continental Aerobics
3:30 p.m. Extra Credit LIVE
5 p.m. Video Shortcuts
5:30 p.m. Another Comedy Show
6 p.m. Community TV Update
6:30 p.m. Runners Journal
7 p.m. State House Report
7:30 p.m. Town Hall Topics
8 p.m. The Missing Tooth
8:30 p.m. Beyond the Classroom
9 p.m. Living Unlimited
10 p.m. Continental Aerobics
11 p.m. Arlington Philharmonic

Friday, Jan. 15:

9 a.m. Continental Aerobics
10 a.m. Golden Opportunities
10:30 a.m. Customer Connection
11 a.m. Guitar 101
11:30 a.m. Community TV Update
12 p.m. Cable Cuisine
12:30 p.m. Quilt with Marnie
1 p.m. School Committee Meeting
5 p.m. The Film Show
5:30 p.m. Arlington Educational Forum
6 p.m. Companion Animal Medicine
6:30 p.m. Hal Koltin Show
7 p.m. Video Fanzine
8 p.m. AHS Hockey vs Malden
10:30 p.m. The Arlington Ear

Saturday, Jan. 16:

9:30 a.m. The Front Page
10:30 a.m. The Missing Tooth
11 a.m. Talking Sports
12 p.m. The Film Show
12:30 p.m. AHS Basketball vs Needham
5 p.m. Video Shortcuts
5:30 p.m. Town Hall Topics
6 p.m. Living Unlimited
7 p.m. AHS Hockey vs Revere LIVE
10 p.m. AHS Basketball vs Needham
12 a.m. Another Comedy Show
12:30 a.m. Forever Baseball

Sunday, Jan. 17:

10 a.m. Live from The Pleasant Street Church
11:30 a.m. Video Shortcuts
12 p.m. Town Hall Topics
12:30 p.m. Living Unlimited
1:30 p.m. Another Comedy Show
2 p.m. Forever Baseball
2:30 p.m. Talking Sports
5 p.m. Video Shortcuts
5:30 p.m. Town Hall Topics
6 p.m. Living Unlimited
7 p.m. Another Comedy Show
7:30 p.m. Forever Baseball
8:30 p.m. AHS Basketball vs Needham

Monday, Jan. 18:

5 p.m. Another Comedy Show
5:30 p.m. Beyond the Classroom
6 p.m. Forever Baseball
6:30 p.m. Arlington Educational Forum
7 p.m. Community TV Update
7:30 p.m. Shake Rattle and Roll LIVE
8 p.m. Arlington Hockey vs Revere
10 p.m. Continental Aerobics
11 p.m. Youth Compufest
11:30 p.m. State House Report
12 a.m. Arlington Ear

Tuesday, Jan. 19:

9 a.m. Continental Aerobics
5 p.m. Forever Baseball
5:30 p.m. Ready, Willing Enable
6 p.m. Our Women Talk
6:30 p.m. Golden Opportunities
7 p.m. Front Page LIVE
8 p.m. State House Report
8:30 p.m. Companion Animal Medicine

9 p.m. Grecian Melodies
10 p.m. Continental Aerobics
11 p.m. Talking Sports
12 a.m. Arlington Ear

Wednesday, Jan. 20:

6 a.m. Continental Aerobics
7 a.m. Arlington Ear
9 a.m. Continental Aerobics
5 p.m. Quilt with Marnie
5:30 p.m. Cable Cuisine
6 p.m. The Book Case
6:30 p.m. Continental Journeys
7 p.m. Talking Sports
8 p.m. Guitar 101
8:30 p.m. Golden Opportunities
9 p.m. AHS Hockey vs Malden
11:30 p.m. Arlington Ear

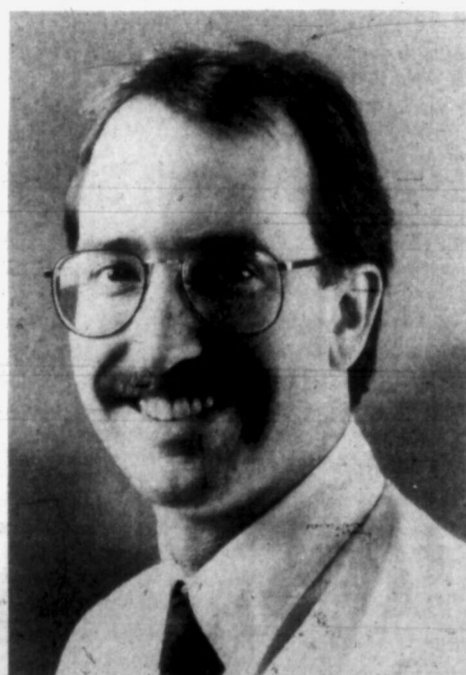
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Employee of the Quarter December 1992



John Davis

The entire staff of Harte-Hanks Community Newspapers would like to extend their congratulations to John Davis. John was hired by Transcript Newspapers in December of 1988 as accounting support. Over the next four years John went from support, to staff accountant to assistant controller. He is responsible for maintaining all of the accounting for Harte Hanks Community Newspapers. John is originally from Schenectady, N.Y. He attended Northeastern University and currently resides in Waltham.



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ARLINGTON NEWS

TOWN HALL ROUNDUP



Commission member to resign

The Conservation Commission will soon be looking for another member. According to the commission's Administrator Dorothy Maher, member Brian Greeley is planning to tender his resignation from the commission this month. Greeley was approved for service on the Conservation Commission in July of this year by the Board of Selectmen. According to Maher, Greeley had consistently been absent from meetings during the last several months.

Redev Board to hear from potential tenants

The Arlington Redevelopment Board next week will conduct interviews for proposed tenants at both the Parmenter and Crosby Schools. Those interview will include Ecole Bilingue and the Arlington Children's Center, both of whom currently lease space at the Parmenter School.

Goals of school committee presented

The goals of the school committee were presented at a School Committee meeting Tuesday.

Among them:

■ Reorganization

Following last year's joint meeting between selectmen and School Committee members, school officials discussed further the benefits and the drawbacks of service consolidation between the town and the schools. School members appeared hesitant to relinquish any of their independence to the town, while town officials have stated that a more streamlined way of conducting town and school business could save the town money.

More than \$1 M in grants awarded to schools

Arlington's public schools have received more than \$1.2 million worth of grants for various services and programs. The grants include several for specialized education curricula and services, a supplemental state grant for both instructional staff and curriculum materials and supplies and money for a student-based adolescent health program. School officials expressed their approval of the additional grant money as a means to achieve needed services in the educational community in Arlington.

Resident pays fine for wetlands infraction

Spy Pond Lane resident John DeLeo has paid a \$500 fine levied against him by local environmental officials for infractions against wetland regulations. According to Conservation Commission Chairman Roland Chaput, the fine, originally \$1200, was reduced because of

DeLeo's compliance with commission recommendations. Part of DeLeo's property, deemed off-limits for construction by wetland regulations because of its proximity to Spy Pond, was bulldozed last year for construction purposes. Conservation Commissioners and DeLeo clashed over the initial disciplinary measures suggested, but, said Chaput, DeLeo has straightened up his property adequately and was deserving of leniency. The fine, according to Chaput, was based in part on the work done at the site. Wetlands are protected by state regulations and a local bylaw.

Lead paint policy discussed by Housing Authority

Almost one year after the Arlington Housing Authority caused waves in town by attempting to alter its lead paint policy, local housing officials are now discussing possible alterations to the enforcement of such policies. According to Housing Authority commissioners, current policy prohibits subsidized funding for housing units that are in non-compliance with lead paint requirements after a 90-day warning period. But some Housing Authority commissioners expressed a desire to address the need for possible exceptions to the rule for those landlords with legiti-

mate excuses for failure to immediately remove lead from their housing. Current regulations require that all housing in which children under six live must have a minimum, prescribed amount of lead in them. Housing Authority Commissioner Jack Cusack said the need for uniformity in enforcement of the policy is important, but he admitted that certain extenuating circumstances might call for some leniency. The issue was tabled until the authority's next meeting in February.

Housing Authority expresses interest in Mt. Gilboa

The Mt. Gilboa property, with its lease expiration closing in, has now apparently attracted the interest of the Arlington Housing Authority. Responding to an advertisement in the Boston Sunday Globe, commissioners for the Housing Authority said they would like to look into the possibility of obtaining the site once the current lease expires next month. Several ideas were discussed by commissioners, including a battered women's shelter, suggested by Commissioner Patricia Garrity. "There are many more animal shelters than there are for battered women," she said. Final responsibility for Mt. Gilboa rests with Town Manager Don Marquis, who also acts

as the town's purchasing agent. At least one bid has already been submitted for Mt. Gilboa. Reportedly, that bid was approximately half of what is being paid now for the property. The newspaper advertisement requests, among other things, that the current lease at Mt. Gilboa at least be matched by those bidding.

Gold's Gym proposes fitness center at Regent theatre

The owner of the historic Regent Theatre of Medford Street has filed a petition for special permits allowing the site to be used as a health club. The permits, which would have to be granted by the Redevelopment Board, are required under Arlington bylaws. According to Arlington Planning Director Alan McClennen, Gold's Gym wants to convert the historic theatre into a fitness center. The petition for the special permits was filed by Richard Sacco, current owner of the Regent. A Monday, Jan. 25 meeting with the Redevelopment Board is scheduled.

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Liberles was formerly Vice President and Manager of Hunneman & Company/Coldwell Banker's Brookline office. She is a Director of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board and the Massachusetts Association of Realtors. Liberles presently serves on a task force on Agency for MAR and sits on the GBREB Professional Standards Committee. She is a past Clerk of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board, President of the Marketing Institute, and recipient of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board's highest award - its Realtor of the Year.

Liberles comes to the position at Ivers & Stein Realtors with eight years of real estate management experience. She holds the GRI, CRS and CRB designations.

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Taxpayers may claim refunds

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) recently released a list of names of taxpayers who are due unclaimed refunds for 1991. Checks amounting to \$712,178.12 were returned by the Post Office.

Checks ranged from \$1 to \$5,901. Revenue Commissioner Mitchell Adams commented, "Taxpayers are entitled to this money, and we want to make every effort to see to it that these checks get to these people."

Before turning the money over to the state treasurer for the general fund, this last effort is being made to locate taxpayers who are owed money from the commonwealth.

Any taxpayer whose name is on the list should contact the nearest DOR office and request Form M-3911. DOR will correct the address of the taxpayer and release the unclaimed refund check. DOR offices are: 100 Cambridge St., Boston.

Taxpayers are urged to contact their nearest office immediately. The toll free number in Boston is 1-800-392-6089 or 727-4545.

Any unclaimed remaining checks will be sent to the state treasurer's office in June.

Arlington residents listed with unclaimed tax funds are:

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Board approves Foodmaster expansion plan

By E.H. Stockstill
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER

Preliminary designs for an expansion plan for Johnnie's Foodmaster on Mass. Avenue were approved by the Redevelopment Board last night.

As a result, a long process of wait-and-see seems now to be over for the town, and Arlington can look forward to some of the fruits of its patient labors, according to town planning officials.

"Arlington's getting two good grocery stores," Planning Director Alan McClennen commented after a Redevelopment Board meeting this week.

By a 4-1 vote, the board approved preliminary designs for the project. Member John Fitzmaurice voted against the measure, saying he was pleased with the progress of the plans but wanted more information before he gave his final approval.

In a crowded hearing room, Johnnie's officials unveiled their latest proposal, which calls for close to 6235 square feet of additional floor space, more than the original 5600 square feet proposed. New design specifics and landscaping elements have also been added to enhance the appearance of the store in the residential area.

"Johnnie's has come a long way," McClennen said.

According to McClennen, the Mass. Avenue Stop and Shop will begin construction in March. After approval of more detailed plans, Johnnie's will also be given the go-ahead, McClennen indicated.

Neighbors in the area showed up to

voice concerns about the project, but discussion of the plans was unusually calm and collected.

"I'm very interested in this store being developed," said Nancy Higgins. "I feel we want to keep Arlington shoppers in Arlington. The DeJesus family is very community-minded. If a person is interested in improving their store, I don't know why they can't do it."

Residents expressed approval of the new plans and admitted that much has been accomplished by the chain, but questions of noise, traffic and appearance were also raised.

Redevelopment Board members, although approving the designs for the project, requested officials with

the foodstore chain to provide greater details on the proposals, as well as an acoustical study of the site to test for noise levels. Specific materials to be used in the project were also requested.

Both the Stop and Shop plan and the Johnnie's Foodmaster project have gone through numerous evolutionary stages to get to the point they are at now, McClennen said. But he commended both residents and town officials for refusing to allow ill-prepared projects to take shape in town, saying the persistence will be worth the effort.

Johnnie's has also been in the process of revamping its Alewife Brook Parkway grocery store across the Arlington town line in Somerville.

Town reconsiders Reeds Brook site

By E.H. Stockstill
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER

Legal responsibility for a closed municipal landfill near Summer Street rests at least partially with the town, state environmental experts say.

Thus, acquisition of the former municipal dump near the Lexington town line — which is also known as the Reeds Brook property — would not introduce new potential for lia-

bility to the town. Such potential already exists in Arlington.

"The liability issue shouldn't scare you away," Nancy Kaplan, a lawyer with the firm McGregor and Shea, told Redevelopment Board members this week. That board has been charged by town meeting with exploring the possibility of the acquisition of the 20-acre plot.

"People bring suits all the time for no reason at all. I can't tell you no one will sue you," Kaplan told the board.

But "the potential liability issues shouldn't stop this."

Kaplan and Ralph Willmer, also with McGregor and Shea, recently provided the Redevelopment Board with a legal analysis of the site, which will be used when a site assessment is initiated there.

A copy of the analysis was not provided to The Advocate, due to its confidential nature, officials said.

According to Planning Director Alan McClennen, any assessment of Reeds Brook cannot be done without the consent of the owner of the property, Thomas True.

Arlington used the site as a municipal landfill from 1959 to 1969.

A town house development, Reeds Brook Estate, was once proposed for the site, but that project fell through in 1987. The project was to have included 260 contemporary residences, as well as a clubhouse, pool and lighted tennis courts.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) currently holds the note and the lien on the property. Owner True still owes Arlington more than \$270,000 in back taxes, according to records in the town treasurer's office.

Legal responsibility for the site belongs, at least in part, to the town of Arlington because of its use of the Reeds Brook land as a waste dump, according to Bob Tanzer with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

But Tanzer also said that the town would probably be better off acquiring the property and should not be steered away from it because of a fear of being sued.

Reading from a town document, McClennen recited a list of locations in the town that were used for dumping purposes. The list included locations sprinkled throughout Arlington and suggested that much of the town was, at one time or another, used for such purposes.

The Redevelopment Board voted last year to give McClennen the power to hire an engineering firm to do a site assessment. Such an assessment, McClennen said, could take several months and cost approximately \$20,000 to \$30,000.

In addition, an environmental architect, John Copley, has prepared for the board sketches of five potential uses for the site.

The assembled information now will be discussed with other town boards and committees with interest in the property, Redevelopment Board members agreed.

During the design phase of True's Reeds Brook Estate project, DEP officials compiled thorough closure plans that outlined step-by-step instructions to be taken if the high-intensity townhouses were built. Those instructions included specifics on capping procedures to control methane leaks and other seepage.

Low-intensity uses, according to McGregor and Shea's Willmer, would not necessitate a cap on the land, but buildings on the site would.

The amount of capping necessary is dependent on the intensity of any proposed usage, Willmer said.

Although still undecided on specific action to take at the property, members stressed the need to make a report to Town Meeting this spring.

"Whatever the information, we need to report to Town Meeting," said Redevelopment Board member Barry Faulkner.

But according to Phillip J. McCarthy, former chairman of the Redevelopment Board and a Town Meeting member from Precinct 13, Town Meeting members are not looking for a finalized, step-by-step proposal, but rather a thorough report and evaluation of the options for the site's future use.

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ARLINGTON NEWS

Vorce to take new job on Nantucket

By E.H. Stockstill
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER

Community planner Andrew Vorce is resigning to assume a new position with the planning department on the island of Nantucket.

An employee of the town's Planning Department since 1987, Vorce will serve as the senior planner for Nantucket. He will be responsible for, among other things, environmental and harbor planning, community development and working with various citizens' groups.

Vorce remarked during an interview that his time here in Arlington has been well-spent, but he also said he is eagerly anticipating his new responsibilities.

"It's a really good job," Vorce said. "There's more responsibility and a better environment."

According to Planning Director



Andrew Vorce

Alan McClennen, Vorce has been a tremendous asset to the department and will be difficult to replace. "Andrew will be sorely missed,"

said McClennen. "I can't replace him because I won't be able to find someone to do what he's done."

McClennen credited Vorce with good work at both the Mt. Gilboa site and the Jefferson Cutter House.

Vorce, a native of Arlington and a graduate of Arlington High School, attended the University of Cincinnati and received a bachelor's degree in urban planning. Vorce has worked for the town, on and off, for the past ten years.

According to Vorce, his priorities in Arlington as community planner have been realized.

"I have accomplished the goals I set out for myself," he said. He included in that the need to "improve the protection of the historic resources and add to the open space inventory."

Currently, there are approximately four acres of open space in town,

including the Mt. Gilboa property, Vorce said.

Vorce said he will "miss all the great behind-the-scenes, hard-working people" in town who don't customarily get the attention.

He also said he was pleased with some of the revisions to the town's general and zoning bylaws, including a new single-family zoning district, new and expanded historic districts and non-criminal disposition for zoning violations.

"Among other things, the Community Planner deals with land usages, business district revitalization, housing, open space preservation and historic preservation as well as drafting and preparations.

While looking forward to a change of pace, Vorce commented, "Arlington is my home town, so I'm always a part of it."

Dinner to honor King

A community pot-luck supper will be held on Monday, Jan. 18, at 6 p.m., to honor the Rev. Martin Luther King. The guest speaker will be Nia Al-Ghuiry of the African-American Heritage Museum in Boston.

The event is co-sponsored by the Arlington Interfaith Assn., as well as Arlington Fair Housing Advisory Committee, Arlington Civil Rights

Committee, the Arlington Afro-American Society and the Democratic Town Committee.

The public is invited to the evening's celebration, which will be held at the First Baptist Church in Arlington Center. Music will be provided by the renowned gospel soloist Freda Battle.



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FIRE REPORT



■ On Sunday, Dec. 27, firefighters responded to a fire alarm at Symmes Hospital at 1:27 a.m.

■ Fire officials responded to medical emergencies on Dec. 27 at the following locations: a Stowcroft Rd. address at 1:39 a.m.; a Brattle Ter. address at 6:10 a.m.; a Warren St. address at 6:17 a.m.; a Jason St. address at 11:17 a.m.; a Webster St. address at 11:33 a.m.; and a Mystic St. address at 7:26 p.m.

■ Two investigations were conducted by fire officials on Dec. 27: one at an Ernest Rd. address at 5:17 p.m.; another at a Newport St. address at 7:12 p.m.

■ On Monday, Dec. 28, fire officials conducted investigations at the following locations: a Mass. Ave. address at 7:27 p.m.; another Mass. Ave. address at 7:02 p.m.; and a Pleasant St. address at 9:30 p.m.

■ Firefighters responded to medical emergencies on Dec. 28 at the following locations: a Wright St. address at 6:45 a.m.; a Mill St. address at 8:55 a.m.; an Appleton St. address at 10:32 a.m.; and the corner of Mass. Ave. and Highland Ave.

■ A fire alarm at a Water St. address was responded to by firefighters on Dec. 28 at 7:44 p.m.

■ On Tuesday, Dec. 29, firefighters responded to medical emergencies at the following locations: a Foxmeadow Lane address at 5:09 a.m.; a Peirce St. address at 7:59 a.m.; a Mass. Ave. address at 9:43 a.m.; a Coral St. address at 10:29 a.m.; a Mass. Ave. address at 2:42 p.m.; and the corner of Gray and Newport Streets at 9:02 p.m.

■ Firefighters responded to a kitchen fire at a Pond Lane address on Dec. 29 at 12:29 p.m. No injuries were reported.

■ An accident on Mass. Ave. was responded to by fire officials on Dec. 29 at 1:21 p.m. Two people reportedly were injured.

■ On Wednesday, Dec. 30, firefighters responded to medical emergencies at the following locations: a Grove St. address at 2:01 a.m.; a Medford St. address at 6:58 a.m.; and a Tufts St. address at 11:55 a.m.

■ At 6:49 p.m. on Dec. 30, fire official conducted an investigation at a Mass. Ave. address.

■ On Thursday, Dec. 31, firefighters responded to medical emergencies at the following locations: a Medford St. address at 4:49 a.m.; a Chandler St. address at 11:46 a.m.; a Broadway address; a Maple St. address at 1:35 p.m.; a Mass. Ave. address at 2:38 p.m.; the corner of Mass. Ave. and Lake St. at 5:38 p.m.; a Jason St. address at 6:26 p.m.; and a Davis Ave. address at 9:31 p.m.

■ Firefighters responded to two fire alarms on Dec. 31: one at a Mass. Ave. address at 6:08 p.m.; another at the corner of Everett and Raleigh Streets at 6:42 p.m.

■ On Friday, Jan. 1, firefighters responded to three fire alarms, including a kitchen fire at a Hamilton Rd. address. No injuries were reported in the Hamilton Rd. fire.

■ Firefighters responded to a medical emergency at a Rockmont Rd. address at 5:36 p.m.

■ On Saturday, Jan. 2, an investigation at a Hamilton Rd. address was conducted by fire officials.

■ Firefighters responded to three medical emergencies on Jan. 2: one at a Higgins St. address at 11:36 p.m.; another at a Trowbridge St. address at 3:17 p.m.; and another at an Inver-

ness Rd. address at 7:08 p.m.

■ A basement fire at a Candia St. address was responded to by firefighters on Jan. 2 at 5:01 p.m.

■ On Sunday, Jan. 3, fire officials conducted a number of investigations, including: a Medford St. address at 5:20 p.m.; a Hamilton Rd. address at 5:43 p.m.; the corner of Brattle and Washington Streets at 5:17 p.m.; and a Dow Ave. address at 10:05 p.m.

■ On Sunday, Jan. 3, firefighters responded to a kitchen fire in an Arlington neighborhood at 4:19 p.m.

■ Firefighters helped someone who has trapped in an elevator at a Medford Street address on Jan. 3 at 5:20 p.m.

■ Fire officials conducted investigations at the following locations on Jan. 3: at the corner of Brattle and Washington streets around 7 p.m.; and a Dow Avenue address.

■ The following medical emergencies were responded to by firefighters on Jan. 3: one at a Norcross Street address at 7:42 p.m.; another at a Fox Meadow Lane address at 8:56 p.m.; and another at a Williams Street address at 11:50 p.m.

■ On Monday, Jan. 4, firefighters responded to fire alarms at the following locations: a Mass. Avenue address at 5:36 p.m.; a Colonial Village Drive address at 3:34 p.m.; a Claremont Avenue address at 6:08 p.m.; and a Russell Terrace address at 8:01 p.m.

■ The following medical emergencies required the assistance of the fire department on Jan. 4: one at a Pleasant Street address at 10:36 a.m.; a Williams Street address at 10:42 a.m.; and a Broadway address at 9:16 p.m.

■ On Tuesday, Jan. 5, the fire department responded to medical emergencies at the following locations: a Lake Street address at 6:54 a.m.; a Teele Street address at 10:39 a.m.; a Grove Street address at 2:42 p.m.; a Mass. Avenue address at 3:55 p.m.; a Trowbridge Street address at 4:42 p.m.; and a Prentiss Road address at 6:52 p.m.

■ Firefighters responded to a kitchen fire at a Hamilton Road address Jan. 5 at 11:51 p.m.

■ Wednesday, Jan. 6, fire officials conducted an investigation at a Crawford Street address at 12:14 p.m.

■ A medical emergency at a Park Avenue Extension address was responded to by fire officials Thursday, Jan. 7 at 8 a.m.

■ On Jan. 7, medical emergencies at the following locations were responded to by fire officials: an Appleton Street address at 1:51 p.m.; a Daniels Street address at 10:18 p.m.; and a Wyman Terrace address at 11:11 p.m.

■ Friday, Jan. 8, firefighters responded to medical emergencies at the following locations: a Brattle Drive address at 1:12 a.m.; a Mt. Vernon Street address at 6:13 a.m.; and a Revere Street address at 8:45 a.m.

■ Investigations were conducted by fire officials at the following locations on Jan. 8: a Benjamin Road address at 8:47 a.m.; a Pine Street address at 12:25 a.m.; and a Mass. Avenue address at 5:17 p.m.

■ Saturday, Jan. 9, the following medical emergencies were responded to by the fire department at the following locations: a Marathon Street address at 5:38 a.m.; a Columbia Road address at 11:11 a.m.; the corner of Mass. Avenue and Winter Street at 11:21 a.m.; a Winslow Street address at 6:01 p.m.; a Pleasant Street address at 6:06 p.m.; a Cleveland Street address at 10:16 p.m.



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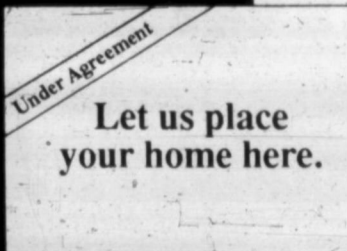
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SENIOR NEWS

ARLINGTON SENIORS ASSOCIATION

Weekly Programs

Sponsored by the Arlington Seniors Association, these programs are offered every week at the senior center. To join a class or group, call 646-1000, ext. 4740 or 4743.

Monday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., exercise; 1 to 4 p.m. contract bridge.

Tuesday, 10 a.m. to noon, writers' workshop; 10 to 11:15 a.m., beginning line dance with Charlie Kay.

Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon, informal knitting; 1 to 4 p.m., contract bridge; 1 to 3 p.m., beano; 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., exercise.

Thursday, 9 to 11 a.m., square dance lessons; 10 a.m. to noon, senior forum; 1:15 to 2:30 p.m., line dance class.

Friday, 9 to 10:30 a.m., yoga; 1 to 4 p.m., contract bridge or other games and pool lessons.

Cribbage

Cribbage instructions are available on Mondays at 1 p.m.

Sing along

Sing along with Frank and Laurie every second Tuesday of the month. Music by Julie Caulfield.

Whist Party

The third Sunday of every month the ASA runs a whist party at the Senior Center. Prizes and refreshments. Admission is \$2.50, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Line Dancing for Beginners

A new class for those who have no experience in line dancing will be held on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. Dot and George will be instructing. The fee is \$2.50.

Senior overnight trips

April 12-15, Washington, D.C. — Four days, \$309 double occupancy. Six meals (three breakfasts, one lunch, and two dinners). A Washington, D.C. guide for the Capital, White House, Embassy Row, etc. Plenty of time for the Smithsonian Museums. Accommodations at the New McLean Hilton Hotel. Deposit of \$25 is due by Feb. 20.

June 10, Mackinac Island Grand Hotel Tour — 12 meals are included in the price of \$949 per person, double occupancy. Visits to Buffalo, Detroit, Henry Ford Museum, Mackinac Island (Grand Hotel), Frankenthum Amish Country and Niagara

Falls. A \$100 deposit is required by Jan. 13. Cancellation insurance is available. Call Mary at 648-0311.

Senior day trips

March 24, Randolph — Irish Bash at Lantana's. Paddy Noonan and his Irish Variety Show. Noel V. Ginnity-Aine-Sonny Knowles, Andy Cooney, John Scott Trotter and John Hanley. Paddy Noonan directing the show and contributing on the accordion. Choice of meal: baked 'Irish' ham with raisin sauce or broiled Boston sehrod. Entire package including meal, show and transportation (via deluxe motor coach) is \$38. Book early. Call 648-9018 on day trips.

Adult education classes

Art will be taught by Dom Mercurio on Tuesday, Jan. 19, from 9:30 to 11 a.m.; Quilting by Jane Norbert on Thursday, Jan. 21, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and Advanced Knitting by Jean O'Brien on Thursday, Jan. 21, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

ARLINGTON COUNCIL ON AGING

New DART Telephone Number

As of Jan. 1 Dial-A-Ride services will be provided by Arlex Taxi Company. Call 648-1000 to make your reservation at least one day in advance. TDD 648-1003.

New Coupon program for Dial-A-Ride

1993 brings a new payment method for DART users. Coupons for Dial-A-Ride rides will be on sale at the Council on Aging office or by mail. From Jan. 1 to Feb. 28, riders may pay \$1.25 per ride or use the coupons. After Feb. 28, only 1993 coupons will be accepted. Call 646-1000, ext. 4720 for details.

Special phone number

The COA has a TDD phone for the hearing impaired. Call 648-8130.

Health counselling schedule

The health counselling schedule is as follows: Thursday, Jan. 7, 1-2:30 p.m. at the COA; Thursday, Jan. 14, 1-2:30 p.m. at the COA; Thursday, Jan. 21, 1-2:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 27, 9:30-11 a.m. at Retired Men's Club; Thursday, Jan. 28, 1-2:30 p.m. at COA.

Links

The Links program has been funded by W.R. Grace to link seventh and eighth grade students with elders needing yard cleanup, raking

leaves, pet care, etc. Dennis Mecurio is the school student coordinator. All arrangements for doing and monitoring work will be made between senior students and their parents. Interested seniors can call June Brooks, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 646-1000, ext. 4720. Brooks will pass the request to the school coordinator who will match seniors with students if they are available.

Storm cancellations

If Arlington public schools are closed due to inclement weather, Meals-on-Wheels will be cancelled. Listen for announcements on your local radio stations: WBZ, WHDH, WEEI and WMJX.

Shine hours change

COA health benefits counselors will be at the Council on Aging on Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., to provide free confidential assistance with questions on Medicare, MEDEX, health maintenance organizations, insurance claims forms, prescription drugs, etc. To make an appointment, call 646-1000, ext. 4720. If you are unable to keep your appointment with SHINE please call the above number to let them know.

Minuteman Home Care

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Maple St. Call Site Manager Marge Scott, 646-1000, ext. 4747 for reservations and transportation. Drake Village Site, Hauser Bldg. 37 Drake Village Road: Call Site Manager Marilyn Bruno, at 648-7500, for reservations and transportation. Reservations are necessary. Menus may change without notice. Monday, Jan. 11, liver and onions; Tuesday, Jan. 12, meatloaf/jardinier; Wednesday, Jan. 13, roast turkey with gravy; Thursday, Jan. 14, chicken quarter; Friday, Jan. 15, meatball sub.

Project Hire

If you are in need of a companion, homemaker or health aide and you live in Arlington or Lexington, contact June Brooks, at Project Hire/COA, at 646-1000, ext. 4720, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 27 Maple St., Arlington.

Social services notes

If certain personal problems have you or a member of your family troubled, don't keep them to yourself. Outreach worker, Diane Tainter, a licensed social worker, can help you with short-term counseling, nursing and retirement information. For more information, call Tainter, at 646-1000, ext. 4720.

Senior Citizens' Law Project

The Senior Citizens' Law Project

of Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services Inc. provides legal assistance to eligible Arlington Seniors at no charge. Legal assistance is available in the following areas, among others: Social Security, SSI, Medicaid, Medicare, evictions, and nursing home care. Call the intake line: 646-1000, ext. 4720 or ext. 4731. You can also meet with our intake workers, Myrtle Joy, or Bill Hanley at the Arlington Council on Aging.

Meals-on-Wheels

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals to the elderly. All it takes is a few hours per month. Call 646-1000, ext. 4720 for more information.

Volunteer opportunities

The Council on Aging is currently recruiting for the Friendly Visitor Program. If you would like to spend an hour or so a week with an Arlington elder, sharing your time and love, call Lynne McCluskey, at 646-1000, ext. 4720.

Robbins Library offers home delivery

If you or someone you know is home-bound call library volunteer Beverly Brinkerhoff at 648-0438.

Hearing screening

The Council on Aging and Symmes

Hospital are resuming free hearing screenings on Wednesday, Jan. 13 from 1-2:30 p.m. The hearing testing will be conducted by a speech pathologist from the Rehabilitative Services at Symmes Hospital at the COA center on 27 Maple St., Arlington.

Podiatry clinic

The Council on Aging will host the first monthly podiatry clinic on Monday, Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. to noon. Dr. Daniel Seligman will provide an examination of the feet, nail cutting, and minor treatment of foot ailments for a fee of \$12 for each visit. For an appointment call 646-1000, ext. 4720.

Sunday teas

You are invited to the first of a series of Sunday teas, titled "Explorations in Aging." During this program, those in the "older adult population" will have the opportunity to explore thoughts about aging and how they affect self-image; identify experiences concerning aging; and share some positive aspects of growing older. "Explorations in Aging" will be held on Sunday, Jan. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Youville Hospital. The program is offered as a free community service. Refreshments will be served. Parking is readily available and Youville Hospital is also accessible by public transportation. Call 876-4344, ext. 3360 to register.

HEALTH NOTES



FDA health alert on Waleeco candies

The Food and Drug Administration's Boston district office is warning consumers who are allergic to peanuts not to eat any Waleeco Dainty Filled Candies, packaged in two-pound cardboard cylinder containers because of undeclared peanut butter in the product. The candies, manufactured by the F.B. Washburn Candy Corporation, Brockton, are being recalled because there may be peanut butter in the filled candies and the ingredient is not listed in the ingredient statement.

People who are allergic to peanuts run the risk of serious or life threatening reactions if they consume the candies.

The product has no lot or code number. It is sold in two-pound cardboard cylinders bearing the name "Waleeco Dainty Filled Candies." So far the FDA has not received any reports of illness or injuries due to consumption of the candy.

An estimated 53,000 two-pound cylinders of the candies may have been distributed in this country, primarily in New England and the east-

ern seaboard states. Canadian authorities have issued a similar warning as the product was shipped to Canada also.

The company has notified its distributors in New England, Maryland, New York and Eastern Pennsylvania of the recall. The distributors are contacting local retailers to withdraw the product from their shelves.

Consumers allergic to peanuts should not eat the product. It is not harmful to those persons who are not allergic to peanuts.

Sibling issues: class for tots

A new baby is a new person. For the baby's sibling, it is a time of growing and learning.

At Sibling Class, offered by Winchester Hospital, young siblings who are at least 2½ years old, learn how that new baby fits into their family. They learn they are important to their new baby brother or sister. Class participants will share in fun activities including learning how to diaper and feed a baby. A movie will be shown as well. All children are encouraged to bring their dolls and teddy bears. This class is offered monthly on Sundays, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Winchester Hospital.

For dates and price information, call Winchester Hospital at 756-2220.

Problems that require a family approach

By Dr. Eva Balazs

SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE

(Dr. Eva Balazs, a family therapist from Arlington, responds to letters sent care of The Advocate, 5 Water St., Arlington, Mass. 02174.)

Letter from Paula W.:

Our son, Paul, is nine years old and is a child of "daytime enuresis," that is, plainly said, he wets his pants. We are exasperated. I make him wash out his own clothes and clean himself up. His father is embarrassed and won't go anywhere with him. What do you suggest?

Dr. Balazs:

I am glad you asked the question, Paula, because it gives me a chance to illustrate a family therapist's approach to this not so uncommon phenomenon: daytime enuresis. I assume your pediatrician checked the boy out and found no medical causes for his wetting, and I am sure you have tried everything you could and concluded that Paul cannot control himself. You might even suspect that he is not trying hard enough; that he could stop it if he wanted.

Family interaction around wetting is complex. Complex because it involves not only frustration, anger and disappointment of the parents, but also the despair of the child, his loss of confidence that he can control himself and his feelings that others don't trust that he can. Bit by bit he comes to believe that he is incompetent. He is "no good."

The way I would approach this case is that instead of focusing on the problem, I would divert the attention away from it. In family systems theories we call it "reframing." You draw the focus away from the center of the

picture, spread the attention around by putting the old picture into a new frame. You re-frame it.

In this light the issue in your family is not how to avoid taking Paul to places because he wets his pants, but how to organize the trip around the fact that he wets his pants. For example, if father goes on an outing with him, mother packs two extra sets of dry underwear and tells Paul they are in the car, and father helps the boy to locate the bathroom right away as they arrive at the place. From there on, Paul is in charge. He is nine years old.

Use the concept of responsibility and accountability. Every member of the family operates by this rule according to his age and ability. You see, this approach leads away from the struggle for control over Paul's wetting. In a sense, it makes wetting incidental, because in spite of it, the boy is still a responsible and respected member of the family.

Minimize the problem. Don't even call it a problem. It is a given reality for the family and you accept it. "Yes, a member of our family has daytime enuresis (like in another family someone might have to be in a body-cast for a while, or in another one there is a kid with childhood asthma) which calls for special organization and cooperation from everybody's part. That's the way it is in our family right now."

What happens is that you take the pressure off the child by taking his difficulty out of focus and spread the responsibility around. You know that this is a phase in Paul's development that will pass sooner or later. Like every stage of growing up, it comes and passes. It always does.

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I am Dr. N. Richard Archambault and I'm delighted to welcome you to my new informative column appearing weekly in this newspaper. I am committed to helping you understand the important role of chiropractic in today's health care. My practice has been serving the chiropractic needs of the community since 1979. Our professionally skilled and caring staff as well as our state of the art physiotherapy and x-ray facilities provide the perfect combination to promote the natural healing process without the use of drugs. My office is located at 9 Chestnut St. (across from St. Agnes Church) in Arlington, Call 646-8400 for an appointment.

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ARLINGTON NEWS

Treatment of skunks, rabies threat discussed

By Dave Denison
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER

The town's response to the rabies epidemic came under discussion Monday, as two Decatur Street residents told the Board of Selectmen they were unhappy with the disposal of two possibly rabid skunks in December.

"I was not satisfied with how the authorities handled that incident," said Rick Olesen, who was accompanied at the meeting by his neighbor, Jane Stein. "My main concern is the rabies epidemic. This epidemic is either in Arlington now or soon will be," he said. "There are ways of doing things that worked fine in the

past but will not work any more."

In a letter to Selectmen, Olesen recounted the Dec. 17 events in which two skunks were engaged in a sluggish fight to the death on Decatur Street. Police and the town's animal control officer were called to the scene. One skunk was "smacked" by the animal control officer Sal Catanzano, according to Olesen; the other was shot by a police officer.

Olesen said he disapproved of the authorities failure to have the skunk carcasses examined for rabies.

Catanzano reported that he had spent Monday at a special conference in Framingham on procedures for dealing with rabid animals.

Catanzano told Selectmen he was unhappy with an Advocate news report that said he "clubbed" the skunk to death, fearing that the public would draw the wrong impression.

Turning to Olesen and Stein, he asked, "Did I do it humanely?"

Stein said, "You clubbed it on the head."

"Well, yeah, twice," Catanzano said. But he contended the animal was probably already dead.

Catanzano said he tries to perform his job humanely. "Sometimes I have to put an animal to sleep, and it's sad. It's a tough job," he said.

John Carroll, director of police, praised Catanzano in a letter to Selectmen and said it is state and local health department policy to only test skunks for rabies if they have bitten someone.

Dr. William Fuller, who serves as the town's animal inspector, said at the meeting that the biggest threat from the rabies epidemic is to the cat population — especially to stray cats.

Cats and dogs alike are required by state law to be vaccinated for rabies.

In related news, a Lehigh Street resident reported a sick raccoon in her area to police on Monday. According to Julia A. McLaughlin police responded to the call and shot the raccoon.

Statewide survey will look at elders' needs

An extensive statewide survey to determine the needs of Massachusetts residents 60 and over will be conducted by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA), in conjunction with Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) assisted by the local Councils on Aging.

The effort is a prerequisite for Massachusetts to receive Title III federal funds under the Older Americans Act (OAA) for a variety of services including finding employment and volunteer opportunities, financial assistance, home care and legal services.

The information generated will also provide the state, Minuteman Home Care (the local AAA) and local Councils on Aging with reliable data for establishing service priorities and distributing funds.

According to Elder Affairs Secret-

ary Franklin Ollivierre, Massachusetts cities and towns have supported the effort by providing residents lists.

"With help from the AAAs and Home Care Corporations, we plan on mailing a four-page questionnaire to 10,000 seniors whose names have been selected at random."

Ollivierre stressed that the individual responses will be treated as anonymous and confidential.

OAA Title III funds are distributed to the local AAAs such as Minuteman Home Care through EOEA to support services for persons 60 years and older. Some of the funding is passed on to the Councils on Aging for their use.

Established by the Legislature in 1971, EOEA is the principal state agency responsible for mobilizing the resources and establishing innovative programs to maintain the dignity and independence of elders.

Panel to discuss hospice care

The Church of St. Eulalia in Winchester is presenting a panel discussion on "What you Always Wanted to Know About Hospice," in conjunction with Hospice Care Inc. of Arlington. The panel, to be held on Sunday, Jan. 24, at 2 p.m., will address issues of what hospice is, how it functions and what services can be provided to area families.

possible, Hospice Care works with the patient's physician to manage the symptoms of the illness and help family members manage the practical challenges of caring for someone who is ill at home. Additionally, Hospice Care supports, educates and advocates for the family and helps to return control over the patient's life to the family.

The panel will take place in Mansion Hall at St. Eulalia's, 50 Ridge St., Winchester. For further information, call 729-8220. The public is welcome and refreshments will be served.

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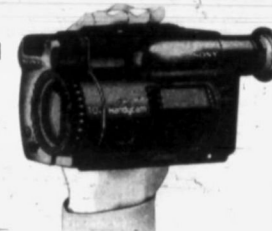
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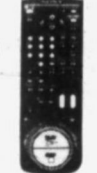


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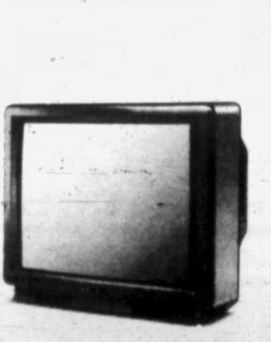
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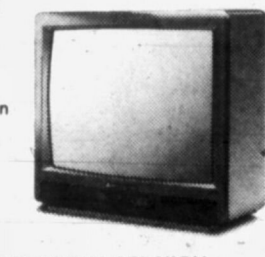
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The Birthplace of "Uncle Sam" Samuel Wilson

Editorial

A Difficult Holiday

Our national holidays are usually mild events marked by easy traditions, vague historical memories, and special one-day sales.

But each year as the nation pauses to celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. we are confronted with something different. We try as a nation to celebrate a man who was a hero to only a small minority in his own time. We recall the violence of 1968 and the assassination that made King a martyr for civil rights. We remember a man who demanded we confront the ugly side of American life: the racism, inequality, poverty and violence.

On Washington's birthday and on Lincoln's, it is natural to relegate the hardship and bloodshed of their times to the distant past. But racism, injustice and violence touch us today just as they did during King's life. They are part of the news reports in our own community.

When it comes to the troubles we have in getting along peacefully, the King holiday doesn't beckon us to sit back and take the day off.

At the same time, though, the legacy of King offers us a glimpse of the best in the American character. The spirit of reconciliation that he fostered is with us still. For every hate-filled, confused, graffiti-spraying youth in this country there are thousands of honest, decent people who are moved by King's call that this nation rise up to live out the true meaning of its creed.

King's genius was that he tried to address the spark of good in all of us. Because he insisted on nonviolence, he gave even the most resistant racists no cause to hate anew, and perhaps a reason to confront their murky, unexamined fears.

In Arlington and in neighboring communities people of different races and creeds will gather to march, to dine together, to listen to speakers, and to honor Martin Luther King, Jr.

It may be our most strenuous national holiday, but surely Dr. King wouldn't expect anything less.

Winds of reform

Governor Weld said recently that the just completed session of the state legislature amounted to a "full-page advertisement for term limits."

Republicans such as the governor tend to assume any measure that would strike at the power of entrenched Democrats such as South Boston's Senate President William Bulger would be a good thing. Thus, the push for term limits. But such arguments for "reform" are politically transparent and constitutionally shaky.

The democratic process will not be much improved by some sort of automatic quick-fix. If voters don't pay attention to the qualifications of candidates, it won't matter whether politicians serve two terms or twenty.

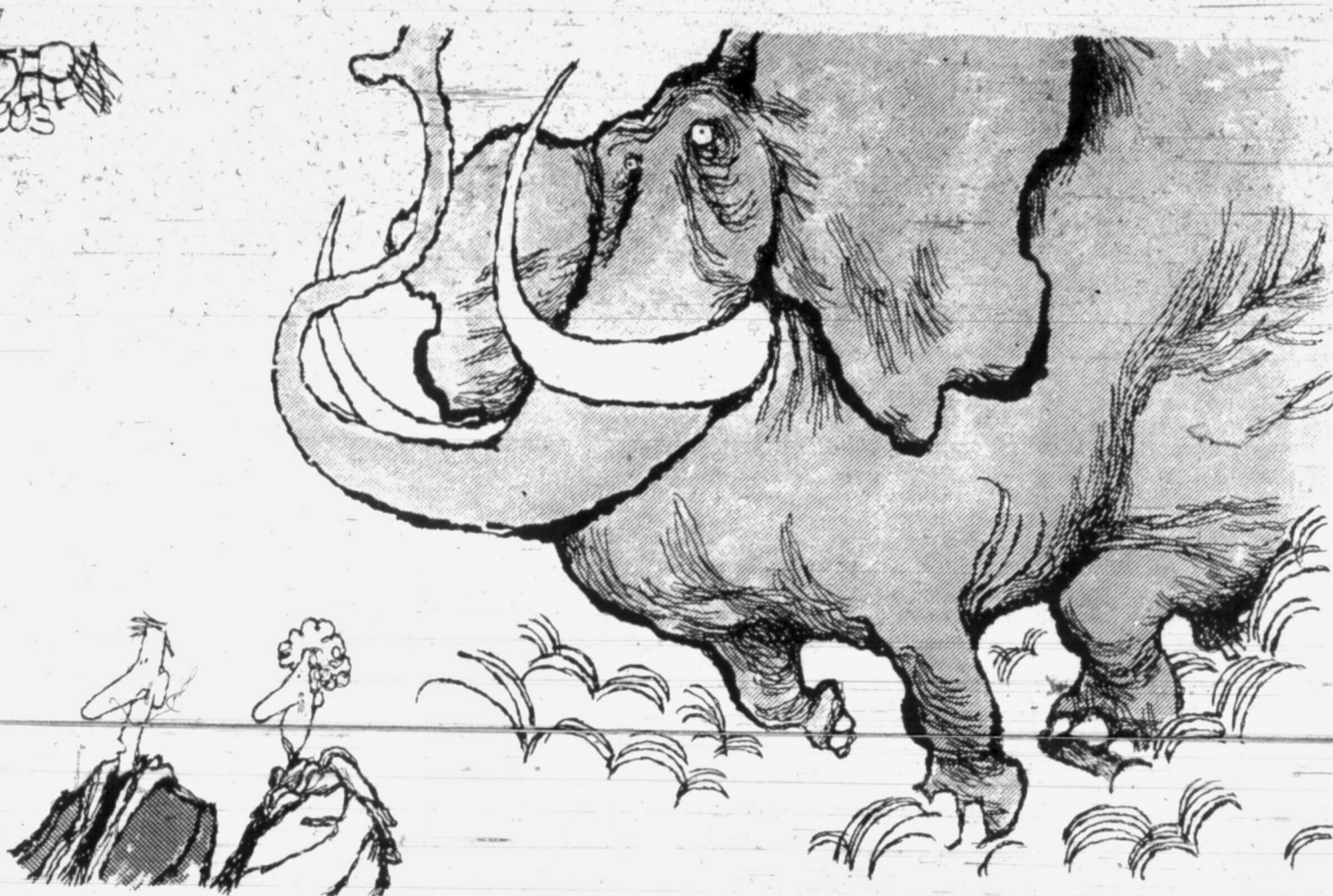
A better approach is the one being staked out by Ross Perot, the quixotic one-time Presidential candidate who now says he will lead a citizens' watchdog group to press the Clinton administration. Such groups already exist, of course, and have thousands of active members. How will Perot's group be an improvement on groups such as Common Cause, or Ralph Nader's Public Citizen, or grassroots organizations like Citizen Action, and the many others?

The primary difference will undoubtedly be that Ross Perot, due to his exalted status as a powerful billionaire, commands the kind of instant media attention that other hard-working groups can hardly dream of.

If that is the strength that Perot brings to the reform effort, it is also the weakness. With a lifetime of experience in the corporate boardroom, Perot probably will always be a top-down manager who uses a lot of grassroots rhetoric.

There is, in the end, only one proven check on calcified political power: the power of organized, informed citizens. Neither the inauguration of a new President in Washington, nor the latest machinations of a Senate-President-for-Life changes that age-old rule.

DANIEL GUIDER 1993



"FIGHTING SKUNKS IN ARLINGTON, RAPID RACCOONS IN BELMONT....
WHAT, I ASK YOU, WHAT NEXT?"

Making peace outside the convent

By Terry Marotta
HARTE-HANKS COLUMNIST

Thank Heaven it's January, that's all I can say.

Sometimes I think back to simpler days, when I was little, for example, and went to a convent school.

This school sat on a quiet hill in the midst of the dusty, trash-blown big city. Just outside its iron-gates, the Elevated train screeched by overhead; but within them everything was hushed and peaceful.

This was back in the old days, before schoolroom lights came in fluorescent ice-cube trays. Our old incandescent lamps bloomed softly inside balloon-shaped globes. The floors of the silent hallways were so polished and the sisters' gait so smooth, we wondered if under their robes, they weren't gliding along in stocking feet. The chapel was always open, a paradise of marble-wings flickering in the glow of a hundred candles. And some winter days at recess, the nuns would let us sled on the hillside. Sometimes, it was whispered, the younger nuns went sledding themselves, at night, when we kids had all gone home. In my mind I can see them still, coasting in their veils for a hearty hour before going in to eat, and pray among the flickering

candles, and draw up plans for the next day's lessons.

The nuns' life, with its order and peace and silence; I sometimes wonder if I shouldn't have chosen it.

For life on the outside is anything but peace and silence. At least in school vacation week it's not.

During the one just past, our house was like this:

- Large, able-bodied and entirely employable persons appeared in their pjs in the kitchen at 1 p.m. expecting to sit with bowls of cereal for a dreamy hour while they watched the silly contortions of MTV.
- Brownie mixes were hauled out of cupboards, whipped up into dark glistening sludge, and eaten straight out of the bowl, without benefit of baking.
- Teensy sharp invisible Lego pieces lay about on the floor, especially, for some reason, along pathways where decent work-minded adults were most likely to tread barefoot.
- The Da-DING da DING! of Nintendo sounded all day and all night, before which people 7 to 17 sat slack-jawed and wholly absorbed, controls in their hands, half-empty liters of soft drinks and take-out pizza at their elbows.
- Doorbells rang as late as 10:30

p.m., to reveal bands of six or seven visiting Able-bodieds, out of their pjs by now and dangerously armed with cars, asking to go up to the room where one's oldest daughter lounged about with others of the unemployed.

Our school vacation week was like this. Slothful and untidy. Ill-planned and ill-spent. Messy and even dangerous.

Here is a metaphor for it. One child here has a stuffed animal named Donut, a sort of Yuletide dog who wears its hair in its eyes, and a red plaid bow, and is fashioned in the posture of a resting lion, on its tummy with its paws stretched out before it. This year, certain persons used it as a headrest; propped it up against one of the low-to-the-ground third-floor windows on whose sill stood an electric candle, and then went away. When they returned a half-hour later, a terrible smell filled the room. It was Donut, who, having come to intimate terms with the candle, now wore its bulb deep inside a black crater in the singed white fur just below its temple. We removed the candle but the bulb was sort of welded there. We brought Donut downstairs and renamed him Holiday Safety Tips with the subtitle Stick It In Your Ear.

But last week, Donut excepted, they all went back to school.

And, miraculously, everything changed. The 8-year-old had some friends over one of those first days, walked into the chief play-and-Nintendo space with them and said, "Mom you really ought to vacuum in here." I locked them outdoors and vacuumed, all right. I also took and hid the Nintendo controls. I erased the pizza place's number from the phone's automatic dialer. Later, I made a simple supper of hamburgers and broccoli and tossed salad and made everybody eat it.

During study hours, the 11th-grader received two invitations to coffee, which she had the sense to decline. The eighth-grader was revealed to have a cough that makes her sound like a trained seal and went to bed at 9 p.m. The third-grader fell asleep at 8:30 p.m. with all his clothes on.

I still don't go night sledding, and nowadays evenings lit with candles seem a little dangerous. But life is more peaceful here than it has been since, oh, last January. So maybe I won't have to up and join the convent after all.

(Terry Marotta, a writer living in Winchester, is a regular columnist for Harte-Hanks Community News papers.)

Letters to the Editor

Rights of the majority

To the editor:

In regards to your story on the removal of the Nativity creche in front of the Jefferson Cutter House, I would like to know why the rights of the majority of the people in town are not to be considered. This property is town-owned, is it not? And as such is the property of the taxpayers in this town. Do they not have the right to say in what manner it should be used? I have been a resident of Arlington since my birth in 1935, and a property owner since 1959. I have also been part of the family that

owned and operated Helen's Pastry Shoppe for 53 years in Arlington Center until last January when I retired.

The creche has had meaning for my family through each holiday season. Having it right on Mass. Ave. I was able to enjoy seeing if driving back and forth from work. As I am sure many people do. My children sang many a carol through the years in front of it, to the enjoyment of holiday shoppers. There are many elderly residents who walk through this area and who enjoy it also.

I am aware that there are many different religions and beliefs in Arlington, and so have no objection to other faiths, or those of no faiths, putting symbols of their own on our town property, as they own it also. But I do strongly object to the fact that only the feelings of one Mr. Eric Chester should be the reason for removing or relocating the Nativity scene, something so long a part of Arlington's holiday celebrations. I believe something this important to so many of us should be voted on at our Town Meeting where the wishes of all the voters can be represented. I hope other people will write and/or call their various town representatives.

George Krain
Waverly St.

A few years ago a Rhode Island court found that a creche had to be removed from a public place because it had been built by city employees. More recently though, a court case on the west coast of these same United States held that a Menorah was properly placed on public property because it had been placed there by private citizens. The court held that the private citizens had a constitutional right to freedom of expression (speech) in a public place and these citizens had expressed this right by placing the Menorah in a town square.

The creche placed in front of the Cutter House was done so by private citizens volunteering their time. The distinguishing feature in the cases cited above is private citizens are allowed to express their freedom of speech in a public place.

Although I respect the religious (or non-religious) beliefs of Mr. Maher, the courts have spoken. Those people who volunteered their time to build the creche in its traditional location in Arlington Center did so because they had a legal right to do so.

The next objection will be by anti-war protesters protesting the location of war memorials on public property. Or will it be Troy, N.Y. residents objecting to the Uncle Sam statue on public property? Or will it be the removal of "The Indian" from the town public garden?

The creche is fine right where it is every December. If any other religious group would like to place their religious symbol on public property to help celebrate their holidays, I would be the first person to welcome it.

but it is wrong for a group of private citizens to build a creche to help promote love, peace, and harmony?

Stephen F. Pooley
Cedar Avenue

Remove ACLU, not creche

To the editor:

I want to add my voice to the citizens who expressed outrage at the proposed removal of the nativity scene. How I wish we could just remove the ACLU, an organization committed to undermining our values and turning us into a Godless nation. I cannot understand anyone so insecure that he/she is threatened by a baby, manger, and animals. Better to use that energy to try to make this a better world by teaching respect and tolerance. If I say the wrong thing I am called anti-semitic, but it appears to be accepted to be anti-Christian, and I am offended by such a double standard. If you choose to shop elsewhere because of a scene in Arlington Center, so be it. You are free to do so. Every town nearby had lights and expressions of the season and obviously their citizens aren't traumatized. I think the original person who complained must be a rabble-rouser hired to do the dirty work of the ACLU. I agree that he/she should have been told that legally there is nothing wrong and then it should have been over and done. If our selectmen go along with this absurd decision, let's all remember it when election time rolls around. I am truly appalled that the "rights" of a select few are more important than those of the vast majority. Hopefully there are enough of us who will let our leaders

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O Christmas Mulch

We think that we shall never see a sight as glum as a Christmas tree beached at curbside stripped and bare after once being chosen with utmost care; But now at least the modern yule is subject to a Greener rule: Recycled trees are really great! (As if there were some other fate.)

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know how strongly we feel about this. It's time to stop being the silent majority and let our voices be heard. If I can respect other people's rights and beliefs, they can respect mine; and I have the right to enjoy our lovely nativity scene along with thousands of others. This is really making a mountain out of a mole hill and should be put to rest. Let's hear from more residents who agree.

Elaine Mills

Consultant to study water rates

To the editor:

Arlington will have a new water and sewer system, which will go into effect in April 1993, and will be reflected in the July 1, 1993 water bill.

Because of the complaints of Arlington citizens to the Board of Selectmen concerning the escalating water and sewer rates, a hearing was held on Dec. 2, 1991 in the Arlington town hall. At this time many citizens spoke, expressing their views concerning the excessive water and sewer rates.

As a result of this hearing the Board of Selectmen authorized the town manager to hire a consultant to study Arlington's rate structure.

I had several discussions with Mr. Hadley of Lexington and learned they have an eight-block rate structure, which is working very well.

I also had circulated petitions concerning this problem. For my efforts, I was commended by the Council on Aging.

Finally, on July 27, 1992 the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to adopt the KPMG-Peat Marwick's consultant's plan.

This new two-tiered rate system will provide a lower minimum bill for those who use less water, thus

encouraging conservation.

The rates will be \$1.60 per water unit (ccf) for each unit under 200 ccf per year. Once the amount goes above 200 ccf the rate will increase to \$2.35 per unit. This 2-tier rate structure will be a more equitable plan, rewarding those who conserve water.

Nancy Higgins

Town Meeting member,
precinct 10

Worden was voice for children

To the editor:

As an educator and as one who has long been conversant with Arlington's educational system, I hold great sadness in having heard of Dr. Patricia Worden's decision not to seek re-election to the School Committee.

Dr. Worden has, from the beginning, been Arlington's prime paradigm, in my view, on behalf of the children, and her unswerving convictions germane to proper educational priorities concerning our children should always be held up as precedent.

Leslie H. Hurwitz
Norfolk Road

Many helped rebuild AHS fitness center

To the editor:

As the New Year is about to begin, the students and staff at Arlington High School have a new fitness center to use, thanks to the efforts of many both in and out of the school scene.

The Maintenance Department was the first to get involved with the unenviable job of stripping and painting locker rooms and the shower room in the Boys' Athletic Area. The efforts of Don Nigro and Frank Zavaglia produced a startling change in the area used by 100 or more young men every afternoon from August through June.

The refurbishing of the former Freshman Gym was next and every-

thing from floor to ceiling received the scrutiny and efforts of the carpenters, electricians, painters and plumbers of the Maintenance Staff. A new floor has created a very comfortable working surface in the room that has been enhanced by a new paint job and the addition of mirrors and individual exercise mats along with new exercise cycles.

The financial commitment by the Arlington Touchdown Club for a period of at least five years will make the Fitness Center one of the finest in the area and one for the entire high school community to use for personal improvement. Physical Education and Athletic Programs stand to benefit from all the efforts expended this fall under the direction of Curtis Hoag and Bill Ceurvels.

Art Students Joe Covenio, Andrea Palmacci and Ryan Sheehan are adding the personal touch as they decorate the walls in the room with Olympic Decals for all the Sport Activities offered at Arlington High School. Directors Kate Cremens-Basbas and myself are extremely grateful to all who have contributed to this major undertaking.

Liz McDonough
Athletic Director

Thanks photographer

To the editor:

Once again I wish to thank your staff photographer, Todd Magliozzi, for the lovely photograph of dancer Meghan Stanley which appeared in The Advocate on Dec. 23. He managed to catch her at just the right moment in her dance.

Needless to say, Meghan was thrilled to see herself on the front page.

Frances Cavicchio Kotelly

Appreciates Symmes

To the editor:

The citizenry of the town of Arlington should appreciate having a "first

class" hospital so near and so convenient, namely, Symmes Hospital.

I had the misfortune of having a heart attack two days before Christmas. I spent the most part of the holiday in the intensive care unit.

In this unit I was under the care of the most capable of nurses and can say the care I received was "unbelievable." I refer to Barbara, day nurse, and Linda, night nurse, and in the regular ward, nurses Anne-Marie and Kara.

So I salute these gifted nurses for their "TLC."

People of Arlington and vicinity should consider donating to the recent fund drive for this hospital to insure its permanency.

Joseph A. Shaffer

Seniors group thanks Peirce School

To the editor:

The Arlington Seniors Association was entertained by the sixth grade classes from the Peirce School just before Christmas.

We enjoyed these gracious and enthusiastic groups of young people so much.

Their pleasant and friendly approach was refreshing and the choral presentation just delightful.

Thanks to all — teachers and students.

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To the editor:

The Arlington Council on Aging would like to thank the Cambridge Savings Bank for their generous donation of poinsettia plants for our Meals on Wheels clients.

The plants were a welcomed expression of joy for all that received them.

Thanks for making the holidays special for our clients.

Lynne McCluskey
Arlington Council on Aging

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NEWS NOTES

Funding of schools topic of 'The Front Page'

The recent attempt by Senate President William Bulger (D-Boston) to amend the state constitution by removing a prohibition of the use of state funds for non-public schools will be the topic of "The Front Page," a public affairs viewer call-in show hosted by Jack Polidori on Arlington Cablevision.

Polidori's guests will be State Rep. David Cohen (D-Newton), the chief opponent of Bulger's amendment, Brian McNiff, political columnist for the Worcester Telegram, and a representative of the Catholic Church.

The show will air on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m.



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' votes on five roll calls and local representatives' votes on three roll calls from the final two days of the 1992 legislative sessions.

ADJOURN CONCON — Constitutional Convention rejected 109-60 (House rejected 91-44, Senate rejected 18-16) a motion to adjourn. The Convention had been called back into session by Gov. Weld who urged legislators to act on the proposal placing on the 1994 ballot an amendment limiting the terms of elected officials. Some supporters of adjournment acknowledged they oppose placing the term limits proposal on the ballot. Some opponents of adjournment said they support placing term limits on the ballot.

Following this vote, Senate President Bulger, D-South Boston, adjourned the session after citing a title requiring adjournment if the convention is in session 10 minutes prior to the hour of meeting of either branch. A Yes vote is for adjournment. A No vote is against adjournment.

Rep. Mary Jane Gibson voted no.
Rep. Jim Marzilli voted no.

Sen. Robert Havern voted yes.

MORE CONCON — On Monday, the House, 78-67, rejected an order calling for another Constitutional Convention on Tuesday — the last day of the session. Supporters said requiring another convention is the only way to put the term limits proposal on the ballot. They noted 72,000 people signed a petition supporting the limits and argued the legislature should reconvene in joint session and vote on the matter.

Some opponents said they simply oppose placing the term limits proposal on the ballot and do not want to reconvene to consider it. Others said term limits is unlikely to be approved by the convention and argued the House should spend the few remaining hours on legislation which has a chance of passage. A Yes vote is for the order calling for another convention session. A No vote is against it.

Gibson voted no.
Marzilli voted yes.

HEARING AIDS (H 6349) — House 112-30, rejected a new version of a bill creating a board of registration of hearing aid specialists. The new version would have hearing aid specialists licensed by the same board which already licenses audiologists and speech pathologists. Supporters of this new version said it is not necessary to create another entire bureaucracy in order to regulate this industry.

Opponents of the new version said the original version took many years to craft and offers more protection

for and input from consumers. A Yes vote is for the new version having the specialists licensed by an existing board. A No vote is against the new version.

Gibson voted no.
Marzilli voted no.

TAX HIKE (H 5800) — Senate 24-12, overrode Gov. Weld's veto of a fiscal 1993 budget section doubling the real estate deeds excise tax from \$2.28 per \$1,000 of the sales price to \$4.56 per \$1,000. The legislature had doubled the tax, paid by home sellers, for a three-year period beginning in 1989 and ending June 30, 1992.

A section of the fiscal 1993 budget passed by the legislature maintained the hike at \$4.56 but was vetoed by Gov. Weld. In July, the House overrode the veto, but the Senate 22-14 favored but failed to gain the two-thirds vote necessary to override.

Override supporters said this is not a tax increase but simply a retention of the status quo necessary because depressed real estate sales have resulted in a loss of revenues for counties. They said the \$30 million is necessary for counties to maintain jails and insure overcrowding does not lead to early release of prisoners.

Override opponents said this is another tax increase which makes a temporary tax a permanent one. They said it will hurt taxpayers and damage an already sluggish real estate market. Both roll calls are listed. The first is on the 22-14 vote from July 28 sustaining the veto. The second is on last week's 24-12 vote overriding the veto. A Yes vote is for the tax hike. A No vote is against it.

Havern voted yes on both roll calls.

AFDC (H 5800) — Senate 28-8, overrode Gov. Weld's veto reduction of \$385,000 (from \$700.3 million to \$699.9 million) in funding for Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). Weld also vetoed a section requiring the state to apply for a federal waiver to allow AFDC recipients who get jobs to keep earnings of up to 33 percent more than their grant.

Override supporters said this "fill the gap" provision is positive welfare reform and will encourage these recipients to find work and eventually reduce welfare expenditures. They also noted the \$385,000 is necessary to properly fund the account.

Override opponents said the account can be cut \$385,000 based on current caseloads. They argued the "fill the gap" provision is well-intentioned but poorly drafted. The House already overrode this veto in July. A Yes vote is for the \$385,000 and for allowing recipients to keep more of their earnings. A No vote is against the \$385,000 and against allowing recipients to keep more of their earnings.

Havern voted yes.

Correction

In the Advocate of Dec. 17, 1992, a student's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of the Otis Junior High Honor Roll. He is: Robert Sherburne, in Grade 7. Sherburne made 1st honors for Otis's fall term.

Religious differences in public schools

Public schools, despite being secular institutions, may still have difficulties accommodating a multi-religious society. In particular, the schools' efforts to make Jewish students and Jewish parents feel welcome — usually by scheduling Hanukkah and Christmas activities together — can make parents, students, teachers, and administrators feel ambivalent and uncomfortable.

Temple Shir Tikvah of Winchester and the Jewish Community Association, in conjunction with the Arlington Public Schools, have scheduled a presentation and discussion on this topic for Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Leonard Davidson, chair of the Speaker's Bureau of the Anti-Defamation League. Funding was provided partly by a grant from Combined Jewish Philanthropies.

The presentation will be in the School Committee room at the Arlington High School. Admission is free, and all interested residents of Arlington and surrounding communities are invited.

For information call Andy Oram of the Temple Shir Tikvah Adult Education Committee at 354-800 (days) or 641-1261 (evenings).

Parents Council to hold discussion

The Arlington Parents Advisory Council will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the School Committee Room, sixth floor, at the Arlington High School. Arunas J. Kuncaitis, Ed.D., will discuss Language Problems in Children with Attentional Deficits.

Kuncaitis is a licensed psychologist in private practice in Lexington

and Boston, specializing in evaluation, psychotherapy, and advocacy for children and adults with learning, attentional, and emotional difficulties. He is a former consulting psychologist to the Carroll School and Leland Hall. Kuncaitis is the founder and former director of Northeastern University's Learning Disabilities Program.

Chapter 766 regulations require each school district operating a special education program to establish a Parent Advisory Council on Special Education. Arlington PAC meetings are open to everyone regardless of whether or not a child is on a special education plan. Meeting are informal, and attendees have an opportunity to ask questions after the presentations.

Open house at Bartlett School

The Bartlett School, 40 Samoset Road, Winchester, will host an open house on Monday, Jan. 25, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Interested parents will have an opportunity to meet teachers and visit classrooms. Coffee and tea will be served in the foyer by the principal, Norine Casey. Registrations are now being accepted for September class.

Bartlett School was founded in 1933 by the mother of the present director, Norine Casey. Casey had been a Boston school teacher and when her husband was hospitalized, she opened a small class in her own home on Bartlett Avenue in Arlington.

The house was a duplex and gradually most rooms became classrooms. After Casey received her master's degree in education at Radcliffe she joined her mother at Bartlett School where she taught first grade and gradually assumed the administrative role.

In 1977 Casey moved Bartlett School to Winchester, first to 83 Church St. and in 1981 to its present location on Samoset Road.

Bartlett School accepts children in kindergarten class (four years of age), subprimary class (five years of age), and grades one through eight. Classes are kept small to promote personal attention.

Census forms coming

It's census time again.

During the month of January, census forms will be mailed to every home in Arlington for the purpose of taking the combined Annual Town and School Census. No home visits will be made to take the census.

According to Town Clerk Ann M. Powers, the following information will be requested: name, sex, date of birth, occupation or school (if student), residence, nationality if not a citizen, and voter registration status.

Persons who became residents after Jan. 1, 1993 and persons who have moved since that date should not be listed on census forms, Powers said.

A complete and accurate compilation of all requested information is of vital importance

because it constitutes the only official record of legal residence in the town. Failure to be listed may result in, among other things, loss of voting rights and inability to obtain an official record of legal residence for local schools.

It is also necessary to have a complete record of all children, regardless of age or school attending, for planning purposes and verification of school attendance, Powers said.

Census regulation state that every occupant of a building who refuses or neglects to give full and true information within his or her knowledge relating to persons residing in such building may be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment.

Registration date: Feb. 12

With the Saturday, March 6 town election fast approaching, town officials are reminding residents of their registration deadline.

All those eligible to vote in Arlington may register at the Town Clerk's office Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In addition, two special dates and times have been set for registration at the clerk's office:

Monday, Feb. 1 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; and Saturday, Feb. 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The last day to register for town elections is Friday, Feb. 12 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

According to Town Clerk Ann M. Powers, all residents of Arlington who are at least 18 years of age and not otherwise disqualified from voting in the election may register.

EDUCATION

School committee expects level budget

SCHOOLS, From page 1A

Hingham-based Strelakovsky and Hoyt, undetermined maintenance costs and unpredictable state funding make budget forecasts difficult this year.

Adding to those costs is a contract agreement with the Arlington Administrator's Association (AAA). However, the majority of all school contracts will come due next year, posing a further challenge to the school department, officials admitted.

School department officials said cuts will probably have to be made this year, including deep slashes into school staffing.

Questioned about why they would not vote for a motion that Tosti apparently had no problems with, School Committee members Katharine Fennelly and Douglas Delaney told The

Advocate they were still uncertain as to whether FinCom officials would accept Devine's recommendation.

But outgoing committee member Patricia Worden said recommending level-funding would hurt Arlington students and harm the school department's reputation.

"We're cutting ourselves off from any fortuitous turn of events... I hope we aren't perceived as being cowards," she said. "How can we possibly argue for more money? Unless we ask for what we need, we have no credibility at all."

Committee members who voted for the motion disagreed that support of a level-funded budget was a strike against fulfillment of contractual obligations to school employees and said that money within a budget can be used to accommodate a host of needs.

Town may face higher cost for Tech

TECH, From page 1A

citizens competing in a difficult job market," Superintendent Ronald Fitzgerald said. "Despite the recession, our rate of placement of graduates in excellent jobs remains high."

"The quality of (our) programs has attracted many industry partners and employers in biotechnology and other fields," he said.

Staff reductions, health insurance adjustments, delays on major repair projects and daily analysis of school costs have helped to steady past

budgets, according to Fitzgerald. Wage freezes, some lasting for several years, have also contributed.

Minuteman Tech readies students for job placement in a wide assortment of fields including biotechnology, retail, cosmetology, hotel management, electromechanics and photography.

A public hearing on the budget with the Minuteman School Committee is slated for Jan. 19 at 8 p.m. A final budget decision is anticipated by the end of this month.

Guidance bulletin

Scholarships:

ITT Technical Institute — two scholarships — "Female Engineers of Tomorrow" Deadline is March 1.

Patriots' Trail Girl Scout Scholarship — \$1,000 — Deadline is March 12. See guidelines and applications in Career Center. (Must be current Girl Scout.)

Eastern N.E. Chapter of the Ninety-Nines — \$1,000 scholarship for student planning a career in aviation. Deadline is Jan. 31. See Guidance.

Cardinal Medeiros Scholarship — one scholarship for A.H.S. graduate who will attend Emmanuel College. Up to \$4,500. Deadline is Feb. 15.

Printing & Publishing Scholarship — any student interested in a career in graphic arts.

Mass Elks Scholarship — Deadline is Feb. 8. Instructions and sign up sheet in main guidance.

Cambridge Savings Bank — \$2,000 scholarship. Must have a 3.0 GPA minimum and going full time to college. Applications available in Career Center. Deadline is Jan. 22.

ESPN Scholastic Sports America Scholarships — \$5,000 award to one male and one female student. Applications available in guidance.

Syrian-Lebanese Women's Club — \$1,000 scholarship. See details in box in Career Center.

Christa McAuliffe Scholarship — seven scholarships of \$1,000. Student must be planning to attend Framingham State. Deadline is March 5.

NEW — Sons of Italy Grand Lodge — Deadline is March 15. Instructions and applications in career center.

Suffolk U. — Greater Boston High School Newspaper competition. Three university scholarships, totaling \$6,500. Deadline for submission of entries is Jan. 26. See announcement on Career Center bulletin.

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test (ASVAB) will be given at Arlington High School on Thursday, Jan. 14, at 8:15 a.m. (after Home Room). This aptitude test measures "developed abilities" and are intended to predict what a person could accomplish with training or further education. Sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in taking this test, please sign up in guidance.

Open Houses:

Hobart & William Smith on Friday, Jan. 15, from noon to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wellesley Inn.

Merrimack College — (Science & Engineering) on Sunday, Jan. 24, from 1 to 2:15 p.m.

Aquinas College — Friday, Jan. 22, from 9:30 to noon.

Advanced Studies Program — junior students interested in attending Milton Academy for six weeks this summer for an intensive enrichment program may sign up in main guidance before Feb. 3.

There will be an 8th Grade Parent Orientation Program at the high school on Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Smith and Radcliffe colleges are offering a summer science program for girls completing their junior year. Any interested student may obtain information on these programs in the career center.

MASFSA (Mass Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators) will sponsor a toll-free "Hotline" from Jan. 19 to Feb. 11. It operates Monday through Thursday, 5:30 to 9 p.m. and is staffed with financial aid administrators to answer any questions about the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Financial Aid Form (FAF). The number is 1-800-442-1171.

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